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Old Eden site gets new life

New seniors' complex planned

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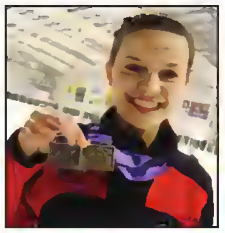

Teen earns gold medal

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Out with the old

MATT DAY Niagara Advance

The demolition of 41 Queenston Road was a moment some Queenston residents will never forget as one of the area's oldest homesteads was demolished on Tuesday. The building is believed to originally been built prior to 1821 and was taken down to make room for two new homes to be built on the same property.

Historic landmarks receive funding

Provincial and federal governments invest $9 million into 1812 bicentennial celebrations

Kris Dubé
QMI Agency

The provincial and federal governments are investing a considerable amount of money into the future of Niagara's history.

On Saturday, at a press conference at Old Fort Erie, Niagara's MP Rob Nicholson and MPP Kim Craitor announced that both governments will be putting forward $4.47 million each for a total of $8.94 in stimulus funding to rejuvenate three heritage sites within the Niagara Parks Commission.

Fort Erie will see a new visitors centre that will include a theatre, a museum, public restrooms, along with archive and storage spaces.

In NOTL, the McFarland House will be able to expand its orientation area and see infrastructure improvements to make it more accessible for visitors and staff.

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McFarland House and Laura Secord homestead receive funding boost

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At the Laura Secord homestead, a "village within a village" will be made available through the construction of an indoor gathering space to offer improvements to interpretive areas and provide opportunities to host larger gatherings and community events.

This funding comes in preparation for the War of 1812 bicentennial celebration, taking place in two years. It is expected that thousands of history enthusiasts from all over the world will be flocking to Niagara in droves to celebrate the historic event.

"The government of Canada is proud to take an active role in the bicentennial commemorations of the War of 1812, an event that was central to shaping Canada's identity," said Nicholson, who is also Canada's justice minister.

"Today's announcement is good news for the Niagara region, not only for the local economy, but also as a reflection of the importance of commemorating the historic events that took place in this area, so many years ago," he added.

Craitor said it is important to invest in improvements like this, since it will enhance the experience of visitors and highlight the important role Niagara played in the War of 1812 in an accurate context.

"[These sites] will become an important starting point for our American visitors to start their tour of the prominent Niagara frontier battlefields during and beyond the bicentennial celebrations," said Craitor.

Archie Katzman, the Niagara Parks Commission's interim chairman said he wanted to personally thank the federal and provincial governments and their local representatives for their efforts in securing this joint infrastructure funding.

"These investments in our past will allow us to properly showcase these venues and tell our unique stories so that future generations will know of the important contributions the residents, soldiers and warriors of this region made to the development of this country," said Katzman.

The Niagara Parks Commission will be working on the consolidation of existing heritage buildings at its Laura Secord homestead site in partnership with the School of Restoration Arts at Willowbank by connecting them through a visitor centre with improved food service and retail amenities for visitors.

McFarland House renovations will include facility improvements in order to better accommodate the public.

The contribution from the Government of Ontario will be from the two-year, $32.5 billion infrastructure commitment laid out in the 2009 Ontario Budget – Confronting the Challenge: Building Our Economic Future.

The federal government's contribution is being provided through the $4 billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

Kim Craitor stands outside the Laura Secord homestead in Queenston after it was announced the Niagara Parks Commission would be receiving $9 million to go towards the 1812 bicentennial celebrations. This location and the McFarland House were chosen as the two Niagara-on-the-Lake buildings which will benefit from the funding.

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Property owners to pay 6.4 per cent increase with approval of 2010 budget

The cost per $100,000 of an assessed home will be $15.27

Matt Day
Niagara Advance

After months of preparation and debate, the Town's budget has been passed.

Property owners in Niagara-on-the-Lake will be paying a 6.4 per cent increase for the Town's portion of the municipal tax bill compared to last year.

The $7.3 million budget was passed Monday after weeks of debate over certain business cases that had councillors divided on how to spend the Town's money.

In the end, an increase of about $200,000 over the original proposed budget was approved.

At a special corporate services advisory committee held hours before the regularly scheduled council meeting Monday, the councillors who attended decided to fully fund the self-contained breathing apparatus for the fire department in the capital budget.

Included in the other business cases approved were the increase to the library budget to help balance their books and purchase new materials, the hiring of fire department staff and the hiring administrative staff for the 2012 bicentennial committee.

Among the additions to the budget, council also approved $70,000 in reductions.

What this all means is that the cost per $100,000 of an assessed home will be $15.27.

Scott Tipping, director of corporate services, said although this looks to be the solution for this year, the Town cannot continue to carry on with this trend.

"We need to get our funding up for the replacing of our capital funds," said Tipping.

"The long- term implications are huge. Already our budget exceeds what our funding availability is in our forecast."

Tipping said when the local tax increase is combined with Niagara region and education tax levies, the overall tax bill will be 1.48 per cent higher than last year.

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Council approves subsidized token system for shuttle service

Current solution only a temporary fix says Lord Mayor

It's not a long term solution, but a temporary fix to the Town's Community Shuttle program has been endorsed.

At Monday's council meeting, councillors approved a token system for the popular program – one which will continue to assist seniors and students who rely on its local service routes.

Beginning March 29, tokens may be purchased at Town Hall for use by passengers of all regular or para-transit taxi cabs compliant with a Regional Licensing By-Law.

Each token can be purchased for $1 and will have a cash fare value of $3 meaning the Town is providing a $2 subsidy on each token.

"This has been one of our top issues over the last month and our concern is for the people who are directly affected by this change," said Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs.

"It's our intent to find an operation as successful as the one run previously."

The Town's current service provider, Niagara Classic Cabs, has been operating para-transit taxicab services for residents since 2007.

However, the company advised the Town in January that it would be discontinuing its community shuttle service effective March 31.

"This is not the permanent solution and we are still looking for a long-term plan," said Burroughs.

"We're trying to work some numbers out in order to come back with a new plan as soon as possible."

To avoid disruption of service for those affected residents, Town staff and councillors moved forward to provide this new program before the current one finished.

The following taxi and para-transit taxi cab services are currently licensed to operate in the town: 5-0 Taxi, Niagara Classic Cabs, Central Taxi, Queen's Royal Tours and Niagara Cabs.

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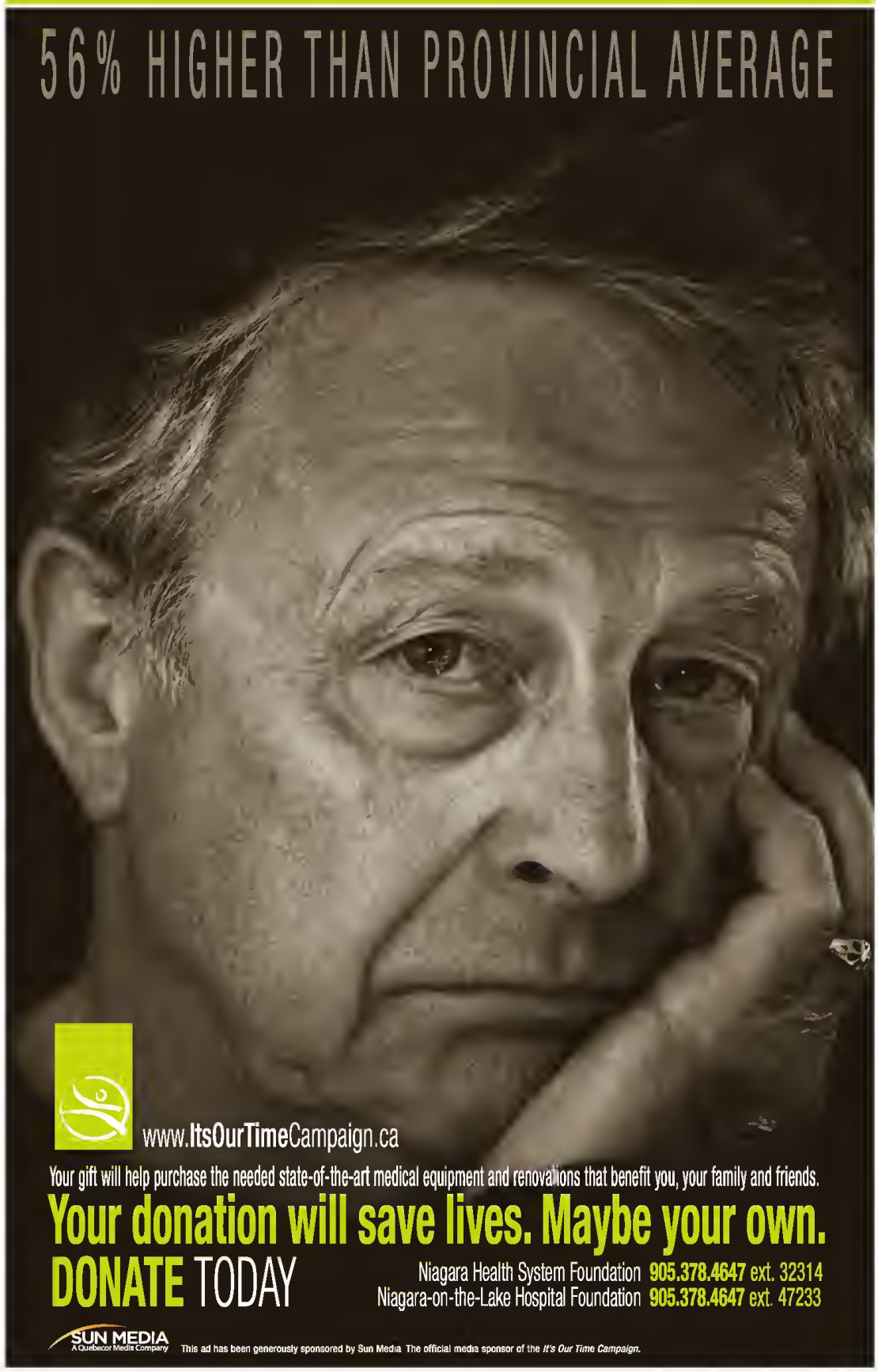

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Our Heritage

Photo courtesy of the Niagara Historical Museum

This photo just recently donated to the Niagara Historical Society Museum, is similar to another published recently, but shows a different perspective of the Lewiston - Queenston bridge. It clearly shows the road ran underneath the bridge into town with the buildings that once stood on this road.

letters to the editor

Seniors need better shuttle solution

The loss of the Niagara Shuttle will be to the detriment of the people of our community. This service has become vital to the quality of life for many of the seniors in town. We were able to remain independent having the means of transportation for even the basics, such as groceries, shopping, doctors appointments and social and community events.

The services of the Niagara Shuttle have met and exceeded our needs by providing consistently reliable and friendly services at an affordable rate. We seniors have come to rely upon this public mode of transportation. The decisions made by council, to defer to consultants to study the transportation needs of the community and to give a shuttle contract to a St. Catharines based company, have let us down. 5-0 Taxi has previously not met the needs of the people of NOTL. The Mole family business, which is based in NOTL and employs locals, has made NOTL and the residents their priority. They pay taxes to the town and have invested time and money into providing an effective and successful taxi service. The fact is that this company will no longer be there for us because the Town Council did not provide support and commitment for this much needed service.

I shudder to think of the alternative. The proposed 2 dollar voucher does little to make the unreasonable rates charged by city taxi services affordable. Imagine how difficult it will become for those of us unable to drive ourselves. What is the alternative for the members of our society? Are the senior members and the people who are or will become ill or disabled to be dependant upon each other and our family and friends? Shall we have our groceries delivered, miss doctors appointments and become reclusive and unable to be productive members of this beautiful and active community we have chosen to live in?

Your immediate attention to this matter is imperative, and immediate action needs to be taken.

Jeanne Wiens

NOTL needs Niagara District

The word army is usually associated with the people involved in combat, but it can be better defined as a large group of people organized to do specific things. The students at NDSS are one particular group in our town that have been organized this way; organized as a group to study and learn, but as a group they also contribute to the community they live in.

NOTL should be proud of all the things the Trojan Army has done over the years, especially over the last few years. Even with declining numbers and the constant threat of closure, the students in the Trojan army have put their skills to good use and have brought the community together to work on community projects. The Trojan army consistently holds food drives for Newark Neighbours so that they can keep the shelves stocked for those in need. They volunteer annually to be part of the Community Terry Fox Run fundraiser to help raise money to fight cancer. They give of their time to volunteer at our elementary schools when they need help with set painting, musicians for concerts and referees for after school sports and phys-ed demonstrations. The Trojan army worked hard to improve the looks of their school and help the environment when they planted beautiful trees and gardens around the property. This year the Trojan army showed up in full force at the Remembrance Day Ceremony in the Old Town and were commended for their involvement and respect that they gave the occasion. The Trojan army also overwhelmed us with their commitment to help those who couldn't help themselves. When the disaster struck in Haiti, the Trojan army was on the move and put together an awesome community fundraiser that involved numerous amounts of students who performed and entertained us and contributed art work to be auctioned. The event brought the NOTL community together raising enough money to send two relief shelter crates to Haiti to help those in need. The Trojan army may be small in numbers, but it has an oversized heart.

Some say that NOTL will go on without its only high school, but do they really know what we will be missing when it is gone? Do we really want to see our NOTL like this? NOTL needs NDSS.

Georgina Keller and Sandra Cowan

letter to the editor

Reader not pleased with the destruction of historic house in Queenston

A very large sign went up the other day in the village of Queenston, on the corner of Dumfries and Queenston Streets. It shows that two new homes are to be erected on what was once a single family residential lot.

Total value of the two homes is listed as being nearly one million dollars - considering the purchaser of the current house on the property only paid about one fifth of that amount, we can understand what their motives are.

The only problem here however, is that the house to be torn down is one of the oldest houses in the village, and a very significant element of the "streetscape" on our main roadway.

The building in question is the old McClosky House on the corner, with the interesting verandah running along the front of it, and near zero setback from the sidewalk. The Lincoln County Registry office lists it as originally belonging to Elijah Phelps, a well known early name in this area; and that it was built prior to 1821. It is pictured and described in local historian George Seibel's book, "The Niagara Portage Road"; and draws a lot of interest from the visitors we have coming through our village.

The Town's Official Plan and the Queenston Secondary Plan, are both full of motherhood statements about preserving our built heritage, maintaining the significant components of our streetscapes, and the need to protect historical resources in our community.

They read very fine and noble on paper, but do not seem to have a lot of clout when it comes to reality. Even though residents appeared at the Committee of Adjustment meeting that heard the severance application for the property, the Committee did not bat an eye at allowing the severance. More surprisingly, the Municipal Heritage Committee did not raise much of a fuss over the impending demolition and effect it would have either.

A Heritage District Designation for the village might have had some leverage in preventing this; but that effort died after a bitter internecine debate that split the residents in 2002. It might be time to reconsider that as well.

The Niagara Region, which over the years has had so much of its' traditional industries all but disappear, is now embracing new industries based on our cultural and heritage resources.

Does it not seem strange that we continue to whittle away at these resources, and really only offer up "lip service" to their conservation?

The War of 1812 Commemorations are coming up, and many levels of government and their related agencies are promoting them as a way to remind us of our heritage, and by the way, perhaps draw in some extra tourist dollars.

The McCloskey house may not have been there in 1812, but it was not too far behind, and is a unique example of how architecture of that period can evolve over the years. It also has a very significant presence on Queenston Street, and contributes immensely to the "streetscape" which community planners say is important to preserve.

The loss of that building will leave a big hole in the very heart of the village.

Going back to the Seibel book - if you own a copy of it, you may as well tear out page 202, as that is where this building is pictured and described. I am just worried about how many more pages will have to be torn out over the coming years; as the demolition of heritage buildings continue to be a "sign" of our times.

Rob Copeland

Red shoes in stained glass portrait of Virgin Mary tells interesting tale

Archives Committee Reports
St. Mark's Church

The stained glass windows are what interest most visitors to St. Mark's church.

They are memorial windows dedicated to various members in the history of the parish, but they also portray scenes from the life of Christ.

The average person admires the colours and often recognizes the story that is illustrated.

A few, more knowledgeable about window art, look for the careful details and shading that the artists have included.

During the medieval period in Europe, the makers of church windows attained a high degree of craftsmanship.

They saw their craft as a way of teaching illiterate people the stories of the gospel.

To assist in this, codes were developed for the use of colour. We have lost something of the skill needed for reading such pictures.

The average person of that early period probably recognized that if the woman in the scene was dressed in pale blue, it was the portrait of Mary, mother of Jesus.

Angels were invariably shown in brilliant white.

A man dressed in a white garment represented Christ, although he might well have an over garment of another colour.

Ann Lindsay, a member of the archives committee, was intrigued that in one of the early windows, Mary is shown wearing red shoes.

This seemed an anomaly in the portrayal of the presentation of the infant in the temple.

The older man holding the infant Christ is obviously Simeon.

The lines in the face of one woman identify the very elderly Anna.

Joseph is shown presenting a cage with doves to the priest as an offering of purification of the infant.

By his side is Mary with her red shoes.

Ann noticed the shoes and remembered that the late pope was interred with red shoes.

So she set about her inquiries and then reported, "The Papal slippers are an historical vestment of the Roman Catholic Church traditionally worn by the Pope.

They are a form of episcopal sandals worn by early bishops. Red in color to symbolize the blood of the martyrs, the slippers altogether symbolized the submission of the pope to the ultimate authority of Jesus Christ.

"Elaborately embroidered, the Papal Slippers were made by hand with red satin, red silk, gold threads and soles made of leather. Pope Paul VI discontinued their use in favour of the outdoor red papal shoes. Pope John Paul II adopted his favourite cordovan leather walking shoes made in his native Poland. Pope Benedict XVI has chosen to wear the red papal shoes, similar to those worn by Paul VI."

And we thought only Dorothy wore red shoes.

Our archivist has concluded tentatively that the artist has used the red slippers on the kneeling form of Mary to symbolize her submission to the Christ Child who is being presented in the temple.

With a casual look at the windows one cannot help but be impressed with the careful workmanship and the vibrant colours that flood the church on a bright sunny day.

A more frequent and careful examination reveals a myriad of fascinating details.

Stained glass portrait of Mary

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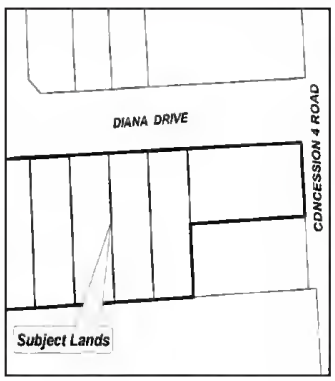

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PUBLIC MEETING

Date: April 19, 2010
Time: 8:00 PM or as soon as possible thereafter
Place: Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
Administrative Offices, Council Chambers
1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil, Ontario

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

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Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 25th day of March, 2010.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

43 Castlereagh Street - Zoning Change

PROPOSED CHANGE

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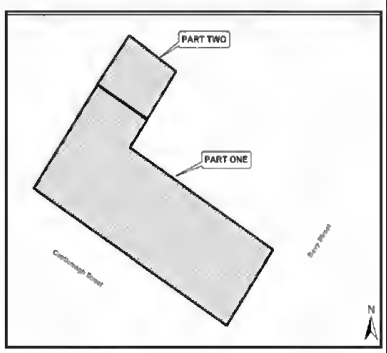

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Quarry development is approved

Niagara Escarpment Commission supports developer's urban boundary request

Matthew Van Dongen
QMI Agency

A Queenston developer has cleared a major hurdle in his quest to turn a historic limestone quarry into a $50-million tourism and condominium project.

The long-planned makeover of the Queenston Quarry calls for a resort hotel, seven mid-rise condo buildings, a golf course and winery on the 260-acre property, which is under the jurisdiction of the Niagara Escarpment Commission. The agency twice rejected the developer's planned site for the resort hotel, which didn't fall within the urban boundary of St. Davids.

But a new proposal, to change the shape of the existing 30-acre urban boundary within the quarry lands, got the thumbs-up from the commission last Thursday, said Frank Racioppo, president of Queenston Quarry Reclamation Co.

"We're really pleased. The urban boundary question has been at the forefront of the issues we're dealing with," said Racioppo, who first pitched the project three years ago. "I think this change better satisfies everyone involved and allows us to enhance the design of our master plan ... Now it's up to the Region to look at the same question."

Originally, the developer pitched a plan to develop a resort hotel in the middle of the quarry, outside the urban boundary.

The proposal stretches the existing 30 acres of developable land into a thin "L"-shape loosely bordering Stamford Townline Road and the nearby Bevan Heights subdivision. Racioppo said the re-jigged urban boundary includes a hotel and adds several project benefits, including a Stanley Avenue entrance, maximum "condo frontage with dramatic views", the preservation of an eight-acre band of forest that will separate the development from Bevan Heights and the uncovering of an old limestone rock face that is considered "culturally significant."

The commission supported Racioppo's request against the advice of its planning staff , who recommended the developer apply for an urban boundary change in 2015 as part of a review of the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

Still, commission manager Ken Whitbread said the commission's decision wasn't a wholesale endorsement of the development plan. He said the NEC will still have to consider other aspects of the project after Niagara Region and the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake have their say.

Regional development director Peter Colosimo agreed.

"It's by no means a green light yet," said Colosimo, who noted the Region is the ultimate approval body for any urban boundary change.

Colosimo said public meetings will also have to be held before regional staff report to council with a recommendation, likely not before summer.

While some residents voiced concerns about the project to the escarpment commission, other neighbours have urged a fix to the "industrial brownfield" in their backyard, Racioppo said.

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE
WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The Town will be flushing water mains in the following areas on the dates stated below:

Bevan Heights — **March 26, 2010**

Rural area, including Queenston, St. Davids, Virgil and Niagara-on-the-Green — **March 29 to April 23, 2010**

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From Four Mile Creek Road to Tanbark Road

This project is a Schedule A+ under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. As such, we are holding the Open House to inform the public of the proposed reconstruction of Warner Road, including a new storm sewer, road side drainage and sidewalk between Four Mile Creek Road and Tanbark Road.

The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake together with our consultant, Denco Engineering, welcomes residents and interested parties to attend an open house. The open house allows the opportunity to make comments relating to the proposed construction designs which are scheduled for 2010. We would appreciate receiving your comments and concerns with regard to these particular projects.

Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2010
Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Location: St. Davids Fire Hall
745 Warner Road
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Any questions, please contact Susan Dunsmore, Engineering Supervisor, for the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake at (905) 468-3278 (x 289) or Jim Denham, Project Consultant, at 905-641-2364.

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Customers will be required to provide proof of age to be eligible for this program (i.e. Senior Citizen Card, Student Card, Niagara Specialized Transit Services Card).

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Shaw workers back in business

After an eight-day lockout, 160 workers return to the Shaw Festival

Matt Day
Niagara Advance

The Shaw Festival's first-ever lockout in its rich history came to an end early Friday morning after 20 hours at the bargaining table.

"We managed to get three agreements negotiated that everyone was happy with," said Doug Ledingham, president of International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Local 461– which consists of the 160 workers who were on the picket line last week. "We addressed the key issues and hit the targets we needed to hit."

Originally, workers would not sign the contract due to a part of the document which stated the Shaw Festival would reserve the right to contract out facility workers after Dec. 31, 2011.

When the two parties couldn't come to an agreement, the workers were locked out.

It wasn't until the Shaw Festival decided to renew talks with Local 461 on Thursday before a tentative agreement was reached, ending the eight-day strike.

A mediator brought the two sides together with the upcoming start of the theatre season in doubt.

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Michael Haslehurst, a scenic carpenter at the Shaw Festival, preps the floor of the stage for the production of *Harvey*. Locked out workers returned to work Monday after eight days on the picket line.

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Eight-day lockout posing no schedule changes for opening day

From Page 10

Ledingham said both parties were able to negotiate a deal which protects the workers yet still gives the festival some temporary flexibility should they need future help from an outside company.

"The main thing is our workers will not be replaced."

Festival spokeswoman Odette Yazbeck couldn't comment too much on the details of the agreement, but called it a "win/win situation".

"We were very pleased to come up with the agreements on all three units that were fair and equitable. Now we just want to move on full steam ahead for the 2010 season."

She said she has noticed a sense of relief from workers who returned to their jobs on Friday and Monday.

With eigbt days off work and shows beginning soon, Ledingham said there is a lot of loose ends to tie up before opening night.

"The first couple of days have been a bit hectic. We're going to have to work a bit harder to try and get everytbing ready in time but the show is going to go on and our members are really committed to try and make this work."

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> *— Doug Ledingham*

Lighting adjustments and scenery elements are a couple of examples of work that still needs to be done.

Ledingham said overall morale is high as the workers like their jobs and are bappy to be back.

"Nobody wants a labour disruption, but I don't think some of these issues would have been resolved without one."

Chamber of Commerce president Janice Tbomson said the Shaw Festival is important to Niagara-on-the-Lake's fibre because it affects a majority of what goes on in town.

"When people come here to visit, shop or even open a business, they know the Shaw is an integral part of this town," said Thomson.

"Tbis is obviously very positive news and we're happy everyone is satisfied."

She said one in 10 people who visit Niagara-on-the-Lake attend a Shaw Festival show and that the theatre company generated $76.6 million in tourism revenue for the Niagara region last year.

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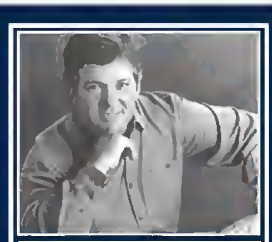

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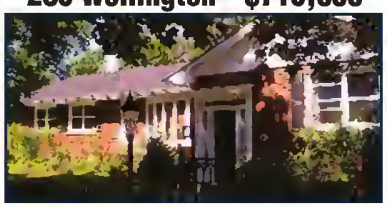

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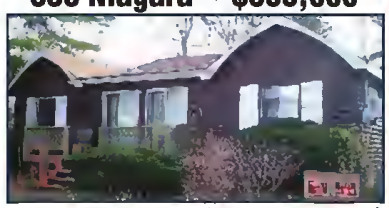

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Old Eden site to be transformed into 80-unit seniors' complex

Old building to be demolished for new $18 million complex

Matt Day
Niagara Advance

One of Niagara-on-the-Lake's largest eyesores is getting completely revamped.

The old Eden Christian College on the corner of Hunter Road and Niagara Stone Road has been left dormant for more than a decade, but a proposed $18 million project is hoping to turn the rundown building into a state-of-the-art seniors' complex.

Niagara Ina Grafton Gage Village (NIGGV) is one of Niagara's largest providers of seniors' housing with more than 400 seniors living at their St. Catharines location.

Chief Executive Officer Patrick O'Neill said with a waiting list of close to 1,000 people, he recognized the need to expand within the area.

"With an extensive wait list and not a lot of land available in St. Catharines we thought this land was worth looking at and it really is a perfect location," said O'Neill, pointing out the close proximity to some of the Town's multi-use trails, developing communities and the new community centre being built adjacent to the library.

"It will be very modern, very energy efficient and a pleasure to see driving into the heart of Niagara-on-the-Lake."

The four-storey, 80 unit complex will feature all sorts of amenities such as air conditioned rooms, café lounges, exercise rooms and a relaxing feel said O'Reilly. As for the rooms themselves, each one will feature a patio or balcony and will be equipped with energy efficient appliances.

The overall look of the building from the outside will somewhat resemble the Prince of Wales hotel's finish with red building brick walls and a "massive" roof.

Prices for one, two or three bedroom apartments are currently hovering around $174,900 to $217,900.

NIGGV is partnering with Kenmore Homes to design and construct the complex which is slated to be open mid 2012.

In order to reach that goal, O'Neill said construction would need to start this summer as the old building is being demolished.

The remains of the old building will be used to help construct the base for the driveways and paths.

"This building will be very appealing from the road, but we plan on keeping as many trees as possible."

The land is already zoned for seniors development and although the process has taken more than a year for plans to be set and for NIGGV to begin putting the word out, O'Neill said there was really not much his organization had to do.

The property has gone through all of the necessary studies including an archeological survey and the site plan has already been approved.

There is a referred leasing opportunity for NIGGV residents and wait list applicants until March 31. After that, the broader public is invited to attend information sessions regarding the 110,000 square foot facility.

For further information visit www.niggv.on.ca

Chief Executive Officer of Niagara Ina Grafton Gage Village Patrick O'Neill stands outside the old Eden Christian College site on Niagara Stone Road. Plans to build an $18 million seniors' complex there have already been approved.

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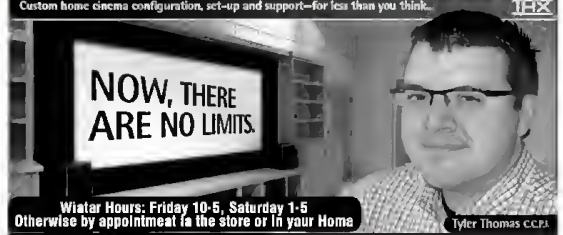

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Lord Mayor helps serve up lunches for Meals on Wheels

Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs helps pack up lunches to be delivered for Mayors for Meals Day on Wednesday. Alongside him is volunteer Marilyn Buttner and program co-ordinator Ann Ellis.

Gary Burroughs takes part in second annual Mayors for Meals Day

Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs participated in the second annual Mayors for Meals Day on Wednesday delivering some hot lunches to 10 Niagara-on-the-Lake residents.

"The purpose of this day is not to raise money, which is usually what happens when a not-for-profit is doing something," said Marianne, McRae, executive director of Meals on Wheels Niagara Falls/Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"In this case, we need some support with recruiting volunteer drivers and servers who can be involved with the meals programs."

With more than 700 clients served each year, the service is more than just a meal; it's a chance to chat for a minute or two and an extra set of eyes looking out for them.

The Mayors for Meals Day was started by the Ontario Community Support Association who picked up the idea from partner agencies in the United States.

"Having someone besides the regular volunteer delivering meals is also fun for the clients," said McRae.

Burroughs said he had no problem stepping out of the office for a few hours to help brighten someone's day.

"I came back as high as a kite after seeing these people and meeting them. Most of us don't even know about the whole process, but it is a very rewarding experience."

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Sisters become closer after life-saving kidney donation

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Liz Frank was never much of a red wine drinker—she didn't like the taste, and found it gave her a head ache.

But for the last year, she has found her tastes have changed, and she likes the occasional glass of red wine.

Much like her sister Trudy Wilson.

Which wouldn't be that unusual, except her fondness for red wine began as she recovered from a kidney transplant—the kidney donated by her sister.

When Frank suffered kidney failure four years ago, there was no explanation as to why. She got by on medication for most of that time, and then began dialysis.

However the time came for a transplant, and Wilson wanted to help her sister. She wasn't sure her kidney would be accepted though—although the sisters were a match, Trudy had suffered some health problems. But after a year of thorough testing—you definitely know you're healthy at the end of it, says Wilson—the doctors agreed, and around this time last year the sisters were in St. Joseph's in Hamilton, Wilson for four days, Frank a couple of days longer.

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Sisters Trudy White and Liz Frank sit down to share a glass of wine with one another after White donated one of her kidneys to her sister who was on dialysis.

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3,000 people remain on kidney waiting list

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A year later, both women are doing fine, although their mother passed away a year to the day from the transplant.

Wilson has resumed the traveling she and her husband enjoy so much and that has taken them on many exotic adventures—including being car-jacked in Guatemala. She and her husband Terry are spending two months in India at the moment. They have backpacked in Africa, Rowanda, Vietnam, Thailand, and Bali. And living with one kidney, she says, is no reason not to live life to the fullest, including the traveling they love.

"We want to see the world before we leave it. And I don't think I'm any more vulnerable to illness. I don't really think about it. We've always been careful about what we eat, and we'll continue to be."

Her sister, too, is living a normal life with one donated kidney, except for the anti-rejection medication.

Wilson says although there are other siblings in the family, she was the best match for her younger sister, and the better the match, the better the outcome—statistics show the quality of life is better for the recipient following a family match than if the donor were a complete stranger.

"And besides, I like to think the reason God gave us two kidneys is so we have one to share," says Wilson.

"We definitely come from a close family, but we've become a lot closer. It's really connected us in a lot of different ways."

The affinity for red wine, for example. And Frank says she was never claustrophobic—that was her sister Trudy—but for some reason, she is now.

Her health and her life have definitely improved since the transplant, says Frank. She has gone from a very restrictive diet to not worrying about what she eats, and although she handled dialysis well, she doesn't have to think about that either.

She says she and Wilson both knew going into the operation that the surgery and recovery is more difficult for the donor, but she would not have accepted her sister's kidney if it wasn't something she would have been willing to do herself.

"They warned us it would be harder on Trudy than it was on me, and it was very painful for her. She knew it would be but she didn't hesitate to do it anyway. She's a wonderful person. Doing this, this is just who she is.

March is Kidney Health Month, when Canadians across the country work to raise awareness of the importance of kidney health and raise funds for research. There are two million Canadians living with kidney and kidney-related diseases, and almost 3,000 Niagara volunteers are working to ensure that the March Drive is a success. There is a long waiting list of people waiting for a kidney transplant—more than 3,000 on the waiting list, but never enough kidneys. About 40 per cent of kidney transplants in Canada are from living donors.

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Grants available for energy efficiency retrofits

(NC)–Are you renovating your house to become more energy efficient? Here are five easy steps to getting up to $10,000 federal and provincial retrofit grants.

A residential energy assessment initiative has been developed by Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) to help homeowners make retrofit choices that improve the comfort and energy efficiency of their home. AmeriSpec of Canada can help you qualify by following these five easy steps:

1. Hire a qualified AmeriSpec energy advisor to perform a pre-retrofit energy evaluation of your home.
2. Select the improvements from your home energy recommendation checklist.
3. Implement the recommended energy upgrades within 18 months or before March 31st, 2011 (whichever comes first).
4. Call your AmeriSpec energy advisor to perform your post-retrofit evaluation, to confirm your new energy rating and to submit your application on your behalf.
5. Wait for up to 90 days after your follow-up evaluation to receive your cheque based on the eligible upgrades performed.

Homes that have had pre and post retrofit evaluations will be eligible for grants to a maximum of $5,000 ($10,000 in select provinces) with an average grant of $1,100 ($2,200 in select provinces).

The program is set to run until March 31, 2011. You can book an appointment or receive additional information on the residential energy assessment program toll-free at 1 (866) 284-6010 or online at www.amerispec.ca/ecoenergy.

Homeowner checklist for spring maintenance

Winter can be hard on a house. As the snow melts away and the tulips start to bloom, spring may be the best time to inspect your home for any issues that may have been covered up by snow drifts and ice.

The following are some tips from AmeriSpec to get you ready for spring:

- Check foundation and attic vents for damage.
- Check for any missing, loose or damaged shingles.
- Check for any evidence of water penetration in attic and ceilings after wet weather.
- Check pre-fabricated chimneys for rust.
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An additional energy efficiency tool is also available to help homeowners save energy. Direct Energy suggests Canadians take advantage of an energy audit, which can identify areas in the home which can be upgraded to a more energy efficient standard. A Direct Energy home energy assessment will result in a tailored list of suggested energy efficiency upgrades for each home audited. Many of the energy efficiency upgrades, if implemented, can qualify the homeowner for various federal and/or provincial rebates.

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Easy Spring DIY

Is this the first spring in your new home or the spring to finally undertake some of those fixer-up projects you've been thinking about for so long? With a little help from The Home Depot, you can tackle these small projects on your own and at a cost your wallet will appreciate!

Here's just a few that should top your list this spring:

Clean the Eavestroughs – Leaves and debris make a home out of eavestroughs. Cleaning them can be dirty work, but necessary in order to prevent unwanted flooding. With a ladder and some gardening gloves, removing the debris is easy. However, damaged eaves need to be repaired and can be done section by section with replacement pieces and some caulking. If eavestroughs have sustained enough damage over the years and are in need of replacement, consider having a new system installed with screens to protect the troughs. This will make cleaning them in years to come, much easier!

Refresh the Entrance – Taupes, greys and greens are hot colours for outdoor window treatments and doors this spring. With a simple coat of paint, new door hardware (handle and lock) and outdoor light, your home entrance can have some high-impact curb appeal. The time commitment is small – about half a day. Take the paint refresh even further by adding a new splash of colour to your trim and your shutters.

Scrub Down the Exterior – The wear and tear of winter weather can leave windows and siding on your home in need of a good cleaning. Most often, a ladder, cleaner and extendable brush is all you need to tackle the windows on your home's exterior. Pressure washing can remove the dirt and grime on vinyl or metal siding – and is also the first step if a new paint job is also in order this spring!

Install a Small Deck – A great weekend project, installing a new deck can be done in just five steps. And with the new online deck planner from The Home Depot, it is a project even the new DIYer can tackle. Already have a deck? Make sure to refresh it, along with any fencing you may have, with a new coat of stain to keep it looking its best all season long.

For more information on small DIY projects, please visit The Home Depot store in your community or www.homedepot.ca.

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However big or small the job may be, starting early is the secret to success!

If winter is a good time for doing work inside the home, the arrival of spring also brings the opportunity to start all sorts of new projects, wherever they happen to be. From the basement to the attic, from the patio to the roof, get out the levels, hammers and brushes and leap into action!

Be sure to organize your project early so that you won't run out of time and be forced to delay the work until next spring! To get started, find out as soon as you can about what's involved, from as many sources as possible, and then prepare a budget. After this is done, purchase everything you'll need to complete the work. Now you'll be even more motivated to start the work itself.

Ideally you should choose a method of realizing the project which will ensure quality and durability; doing it yourself when you don't have the necessary skills is often synonymous with work to be started over... and starting over means extra costs. No one wants to end up with poor quality workmanship and having to do the work again.

Be sure to get all the information you need and don't hesitate to call on the services of an expert for the work you're not qualified to do. Don't forget, however, that at this time of year, qualified workers are very much in demand so they should be scheduled as quickly as possible.

Once the project is completed you can sit back and admire the results of all your hard work and enjoy the summer sun... messing around in the backyard, cutting the grass; in short, making the most of summer.

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Teen getting ready to build home halfway across the world

Aspiring videographer plans to document entire Vietnam experience

Matt Day
Niagara Advance

Alexander Mills is about to take part in the journey of a lifetime.

He won't be relaxing. He won't be sight-seeing. He won't be partying.

The 16-year-old Niagara-on-the-Lake resident is travelling to Vietnam on June 30 to take part in a home build organized by the District School Board of Niagara International (DSBNi) and Habitat for Humanity - Global Village.

Mills, an aspiring videographer, said he was told about the opportunity from a teacher at his school, Sir Winston Churchill High School, where he attends for a French Immersion program.

"I was actually very surprised to be selected," said Mills, as only one student from each high school from the DSBN is typically chosen to go. "I don't even know what I'm going to be doing exactly but I'm excited and ready for anything."

Students will help build a home for a deserving family by building walls, pouring cement and other construction-type projects.

The 10-day trip costs $3,500. With the help from his school and his church, he will be holding various fundraisers to help him pay for the costs. The team of students is also looking for corporate sponsors to be put on the official DSBNi shirts they will be wearing during the build.

Mills said he's not worried about collecting that amount of money and has been preparing for months now.

The team of more than 20 students will be meeting once a week to learn Vietnamese culture, take part in safety training and do team-building exercises. Next week, they'll even be doing hot yoga to help them prepare for the intense heat they will be experiencing while working all day on a house.

"I want to help. I feel like if we have the resources, skills and abilities to do something like this then we need to be doing whatever we can to help those who don't have a roof over their head and give them hope."

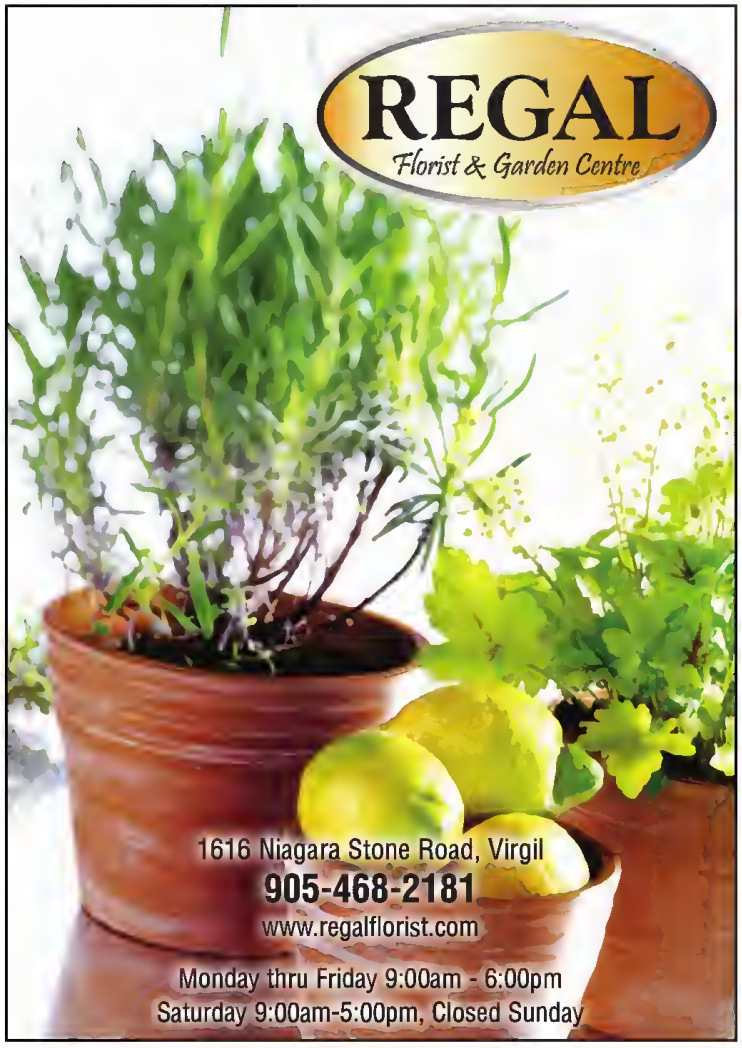
Mills admitted that construction or carpentry were not fields he was interested in getting into after high school, but he has learned a lot from his brother which he feels will help him in the build.

One of the reasons MIlls was chosen to go was because he took it upon himself to offer to film the whole experience for a future promotional video.

"I'm going to do a full documentary so I can bring that back and show the video to people who are interested in going next year. Everything from filming the preparation meetings to whatever we do in Vietnam will be documented. Everything I get to see, they'll get to see."

The students who take part in the trip will also receive a full co-op credit.

Alexander Mills, 16, will be helping to build a home in Vietnam starting June 30. The NOTL teen is currently looking for sponsors.



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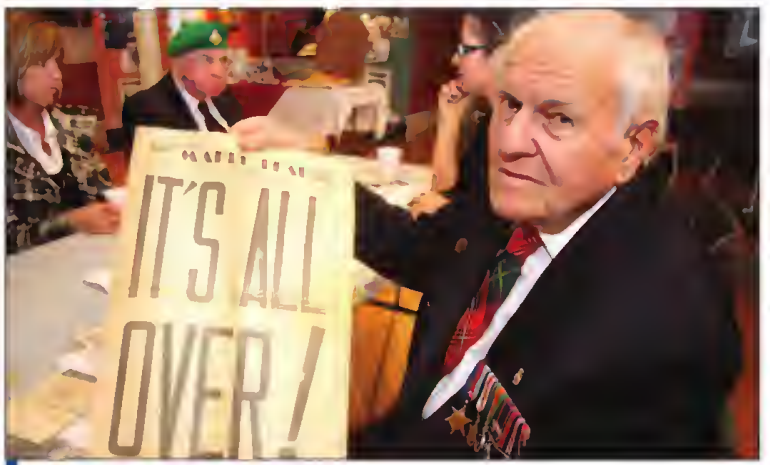

Gilford Boyd holds up one of his newspaper clippings from 1945 after having it digitized for online viewing at the Niagara Historical Society Museum.

Preserving their stories forever

Niagara's veterans gather at the Niagara Historical Society Museum to digitize their memos, notes and pictures

Matt Day
Niagara Advance

There's no better way to learn about history than to hear it from someone who helped create it.

That's why on Tuesday, the Historica-Dominion Institute held a community workshop at the Niagara Historical Society Museum to help veterans preserve their stories forever.

The Ontario Veteran Community Archive is an online collection of stories, photographs and documents that houses the incredible experiences of Ontario's service men and women.

Jeremy Diamond, managing director of the Historica Dominion Institute, said he's trying to encourage veterans to tell their stories of our military history before it's too late.

"It's incredible. These old men and women were once young and the war shaped their lives forever at 19-years-old," said Diamond.

"To listen to a living piece of Canadian history is truly a unique experience."

Diamond said more than 500 veterans of the Second World War are dying each week in Canada so it is important to have their stories documented.

"We need to do as much as we can and we also need to start collecting the stories of those who are serving in Afghanistan now so their stories are still fresh in their minds."

He said the institute's goal is be able to provide a real resource for teachers, students and history buffs to refer to.

Bill Plumer, a Canadian Air Force veteran who served from 1942 to 1946, said he wanted to take the time to talk about his experiences, especially those dealing with the people he met.

"1 have no interest in talking about the bad stuff, that's for the history books," said the 90-year-old veteran from Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"It was the people that fascinated me and it's incredible what 1 do remember about them."

The museum's curator, Clark Bernat, said he was more than willing to host the event that brought a number of Niagara's veterans in to share their memories.

"I think it's a great idea to have Niagara veterans' voices heard," said Bernat.

"A lot of these people I haven't met and it's always interesting to hear what they have to say."

The Ontario Veteran Community Archive is a project made possible with the support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and is the largest, independent organization dedicated to Canadian history, identity and citizenship.

Diamond said he's hoping to have more than 1,000 profiles online by this summer. Profiles include memos, pictures, letters and awards.

"We want the legacies to live on long after a veteran passes away and not in the form of a grainy video or textbook," said Diamond.

For more information, visit www.ontarioveteranarchive.ca or www.historica-dominion.ca.

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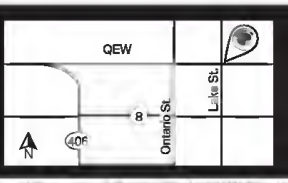

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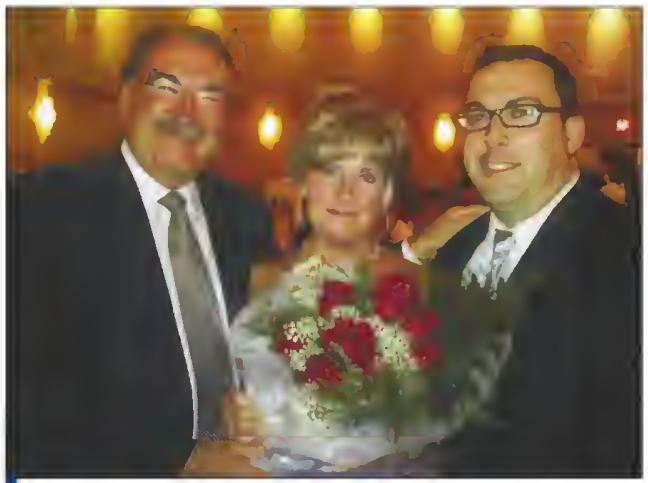
NOTL realtors named Niagara's best

Father and son duo take home Top Sales Team award for 2009



Kevan O'Connor, Margie Spence and James O'Connor recently accepted the award for the 2009 Top Sales Team award.

Kevan O'Connor and James O'Connor were recently awarded the 2009 Top Sales Team award from Royal LePage Niagara's more than 400 realtors working in 14 offices across the Niagara region, with the Niagara-on-the-Lake office being the only one to cover the whole region.

The O'Connor office at 336 Mary St. is equipped with the most up-to-date computer technology, including large flat panel displays, private meeting rooms and relaxing discussion areas.

Kevan and James said they continue to move forward with the very best service people have come to expect during their combined 45 years in real estate.

The duo have been the top producers at Royal LePage Niagara Real Estate Centre Brokerage since it merged in 1994.

"It feels nice because you work hard and to get recognized by a third party tends to affirm what you're doing is the right thing," said Kevan.

"I think I have that natural spirit of competitiveness and I like giving a person that satisfaction when buying or selling a home."

The official presentation of the award took place March 12 at John Michael's Banquet Centre in Thorold.

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Niagara College students to pitch brand for Pillitteri Estates

Wine, business and graphic design students to develop new brand for world renowned winery

Pillitteri Estates Winery, the world's largest estate producer of Icewine, has called upon the expertise of Niagara College's wine, business, and graphic design students to develop a new brand for its signature product, Icewine.

On March 26, five student teams will pitch their innovative visions for an Icewine brand name that holds global appeal.

Each team consists of four students representing the Wine Business Management Graduate Certificate, Graphic Design Production - Art and Design Fundamentals, Business Administration - Marketing and Bachelor of Applied Business and Hospitality Operations Management programs.

The student teams will present a proposed brand name and an accompanying label, along with creative background to a judging panel from Pillitteri that includes Chief Marketing Officer and President Lucy Friesen, Chief Financial Officer and President Connie Slingerland, Director of Viticulture Jamie Slingerland, Export Manager and Sommelier Allison Slute and Marketing and Media Relations Manager Jeff Letvenuk.

"These innovative and eager future leaders of our industry are at our doorstep. The Pillitteri team is elated with the prospect of their creative new brand proposals for Icewine. We are so proud to be working with these students," said Pillitteri Chief Marketing Officer and President Lucy Friesen.

"It will be a difficult task selecting a winner with so many quality proposals."

The project was initiated and came to realization through discussions between Pillitteri and Niagara College representatives that began in the Fall of 2009. The students began their creative work in February 2010.

> **"This is a great project that gives our students valuable experience..."**
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> *— Craig Youdale*

"This is a great project that gives our students valuable experience that will serve them well as they pursue careers in their chosen field," said Craig Youdale, Chair of Niagara College's School of Culinary and Wine Studies. "It's an opportunity to take the skills and knowledge they've developed in the classroom, and apply them in a real-world scenario for one of Canada's leading wineries."

The project presentations take place, March 26 at 6 p.m. at the Niagara Culinary Institute at Niagara College's Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus, Room HT 109.

Pillitteri Estates Winery is a family run and operated business founded in 1993 and is situated on 53 acres of vineyards in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Since its short inception, the winery has experienced tremendous growth and has established itself as a leader in the industry.

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Shaw Festival to celebrate the life of Goldie Semple

Organizers hope friends, colleagues and fans of hers attend Sunday's event

The life of Goldie Semple, one of Canadian theatre's beloved and finest classical artists, teacher and mentor, will be celebrated at The Shaw Festival on Sunday, March 28 at 3 p.m. in the Festival Theatre.

The Shaw Festival hopes all of Goldie's friends, colleagues and fans will join us at this celebration.

Ms. Semple died peacefully surrounded by loved ones on the morning of Dec. 9, 2009 at the age of 56 after a courageous battle with cancer. She leaves behind her husband of 33 years, Lorne Kennedy, and their 14 year old daughter, Madeline.

Her rich and enduring legacy on the tapestry of Canadian theatre will last forever.

Born Marigold Ann Semple in Richmond, B.C., Ms. Semple studied theatre at the University of British Columbia in the late 1960s and early 1970s where she met her husband Lorne.

Her extensive career included 17 seasons at the Shaw Festival and nine seasons at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival, where she played the leading roles in the repertoires of both festivals.

Ms. Semple's work encompassed everything from outrageous comedy to deeply moving portrayals of sheer elegance – her extraordinary range as an actor thrilled audiences time and again.

A celebrated performer across the country, her love of theatre was not only evident on the stage, but also off-stage and behind the scenes.

Her work as a teacher and mentor touched the lives of many aspiring drama students who took part in a special summer Queen's University intensive course, which she taught annually at The Shaw.

She also taught at a number of other Canadian academic institutions as well as at New York University.

An active member of each community she has lived in, Ms. Semple was co-founder of the Stratford-based theatre company Foolscap and also compiled and performed programs of poetry and music for the Niagara Historical Museum.

The Shaw Festival looks forward to celebrating this extraordinary woman on March 28 with all of Goldie's friends, colleagues and fans.

Goldie Semple is seen here in her performance of The Cassilis Engagement. On Sunday, the Shaw Festival will be celebrating the life of one of Canada's beloved and classical artists.

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Eco Club member Corie Hordijk hangs up a poster promoting Niagara District Secondary School's contribution to Earth Hour. On Friday, the school will be shutting off the lights at 1:30 p.m. for an hour in conjunction for the weekend event which has thousands of cities across the world taking part.

Lights out in Niagara

Many Niagara businesses, schools and organizations getting ready for Earth Hour

Matt Day
Niagara Advance

Come Saturday night at 8:30 p.m., the world is going to be a lot darker.

The fourth annual Earth Hour will be taking place around thousands of cities across the globe in an effort to show support for action on climate change.

The event invites communities, businesses and governments to switch off their lights for one hour, sending a powerful global message to the world's leaders.

Locally, many schools and other organizations will be doing what they can during the week to reduce their energy consumption since the event lies on the weekend.

Niagara District Secondary School will be turning off the lights on Friday at 1:30 p.m. and Pat Arkell, the school's Eco Club advisor, said she hopes the students will take home that message and participate at home.

"Every hour should be Earth Hour and we should always be thinking of the environment with whatever we do," she said.

"This particular hour though we get to become a part of a global community committed to sending a message to our governments."

The Niagara Region plans on turning off all non-essential lights at Regional Headquarters and other facilities where appropriate.

"Niagara Region has already begun the journey to energy efficiency by implementing energy efficient lighting upgrades at many of our facilities," said Peter Inman, the Region's associate director of energy management.

"We can all make a difference everyday by doing small things such as turning off unused appliances and lights, using a programmable thermostat to set back heating and cooling, using less hot water and running appliances during 'off peak' hours."

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Touch of Spring

Chris Maclam fills a cup full of flowers to be given to someone staying at either the NOTL hospital, Upper Canada Lodge or Pleasant Manor Retirement Village. The Horticulture Society gathered inside the Mary Snider Room inside the Meridian Credit Union on Friday to spend time on making the Spring gifts.

Hippity, hoppity Easter's on its way!

Children at the Niagara Nursery School are getting geared up for the Spring Fair held at the Kinsmen Scout Hall on April 3 from 10 a.m. to noon in conjunction with the Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 10:30 a.m. There will be inflatable play areas, indoor petting area, face painting, and refreshments for children to enjoy.

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Niagara-on-the-Lake goes Hollywood

General Manager Ryan Murray stands inside the lobby of the Harbour House Hotel where actress Helen Mirren and director Robert Schwentke stayed during their stay in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Filming of the movie the two celebrities are a part of was done at a Niagara Parkway home.

A-list stars film for the new spy thriller movie Red and stay at one of the town's vintage inns

Matt Day
Niagara Advance

When the Harbour House Hotel received word of who their next guest would be, the double check of each room quickly turned into a triple check.

"We treat every guest like a VIP, but there was definitely a bit of excitement generated when we got the confirmation call," said Ryan Murray, general manager of the Melville Street vintage hotel.

Recently, A-list actress Helen Mirren and renowned director Robert Schwentke were among some of the celebrities in town shooting for Summit Entertainment's new spy-thriller movie, Red.

A scene was filmed at a home on the Niagara Parkway, but a group of 27 people, made up of cast and crew, stayed the night at Murray's hotel.

"We just did our best not to be starstruck. We tried to maintain the same level of professionalism we do everyday and offer the same product we do to all of our guests but you still can't help get those butterflies when you're around them," said Murray. "You want to ask them for an autograph or picture, but you don't."

Murray recalled everyone as being "extremely nice" and whenever he did get the chance to talk to Mirren or Schwentke, he said they had nothing but nice words to say about the staff and the town itself.

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Hotels say it's business as usual when a celebrity comes to town

"Most celebrities we've had aren't the type who request water at 32.4 degrees..."

— Ryan Murray

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Considering Niagara-on-the-Lake attracts around three million visitors a year, there's bound to be a few celebrities here and there.

Murray said this wasn't the first time he's had famous guests stay at his hotel, or other hotels part of the Vintage Hotels collection.

And when they do get the privilege of hosting a celebrity, he said he wants to make sure they get treated fairly and like any other guest would.

"Most celebrities we've had aren't the type who request water at 32.4 degrees instead of 32.6 degrees. In fact, it's quite the opposite," he said, mentioning how Mirren and Schwentke were seen around the lobby chatting with other guests.

"They come to Niagara-on-the-Lake to sort of get away from having to wear baseball hats and glasses to go out in public and I think that really appeals to them."

Along with famous celebrities, Murray said he couldn't count how many times big names in the corporate world have avoided attention and stayed at one of the Vintage Inns.

At the Prince of Wales Hotel, marketing and public relations specialist Dianne Turner said their way of going about things when it is known a celebrity is visiting doesn't change either.

"There really is no difference. Sometimes they'll call and have special requests or want a certain room, but anyone can call and arrange that with us."

She did admit however that there is that sense of excitement when staff know someone famous is staying at the hotel.

Recently, the Jonas Brothers and their family stayed at the Prince of Wales Hotel and Turner said they treated them like any other guest.

Actors John Malkovich and Mary-Louise Parker accompanied Mirren and Schwentke for their shoot in town, but did not stay the night.

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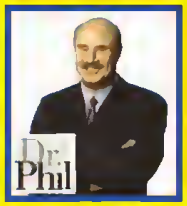

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Figure skater brings home gold medal at provincials

Hilary Falconer brings home gold medal for free skate and silver medal for triathlon

Matt Day
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Years of practice, hard work and determination came down to a single three-minute performance for Hilary Falconer.

The 16-year-old Niagara-on-the-Lake resident recently took part in the 2010 HomeSense Trillium STARSkate Championships in Kingston and brought home the gold medal in her free skate performance and the silver medal in the triathlon portion of the event.

The NOTL Figure Skating club member has been skating since she was 5-years-old and has skated in numerous competitions, including a previous invitation to the provincial championships.

This time however, Falconer wasn't feeling the nerves as much and she said that helped her relax and focus on delivering the best performance she could.

"I didn't think I would place at all," she said with a huge smile. "It's a huge accomplishment for me and I've reached all my goals I laid out for myself in figure skating."

Her coach, Judi Boyle-Krzeczkowski, said she was ecstatic with Falconer's skate and proud of the way she handled herself on the ice.

"I was nervous for her while she was skating because I know her potential. It's been a team effort since day one, but ultimately once you shut the door it's up to her."

Falconer described her routine as "lively" in an effort to impress the judges with her smile.

"It still hasn't sunk in yet, because I feel I could have done a lot better. But this is so exciting and I can't wait to move up to the next level of competition."

With the win, Falconer moves up from the Senior Silver level to the Senior Gold and is already practicing for next year's competition.

Hilary Falconer holds up her two medals from competing at the 2010 HomeSense Trillium STARSkate Championships in Kingston recently.

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Playoff hockey

Maverick Sanderson flies through the air disrupting Alexandre Brillon's shot on net during NOTL hockey house league action. The final series has come down to the dominant blue team facing a two-game deficit against the underdog red team. The third game of the best of five series is tonight at 6 p.m. in Virgil.

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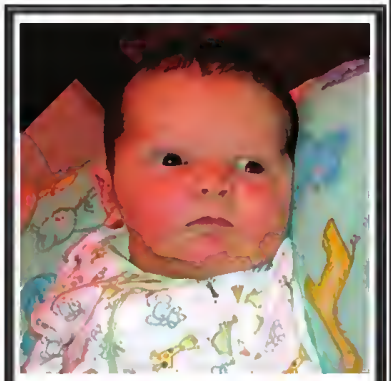

Rachel (nee Pearson) and Jason are pleased to announce the arrival of their second child

TOBY JASON CLARKE

born on February 25, 2010 in Mission B.C.

Proud Grandparents are:

Frank & Barb Pearson of St. Davids
and
Michael & Marilyn Clarke of Cairo Egypt

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Engagements

We are very pleased to congratulate

ALYSSA STADELMIER
and
DAN VAN NOORT

on their recent ENGAGEMENT!

Wedding planned for August 2010

Love ya's lots!
The Stadelmier & Van Noort Families

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Forthcoming Marriages

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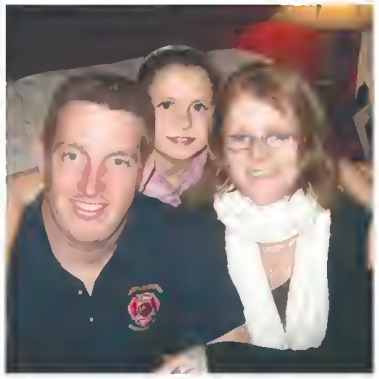

My Mom & Dad
Amy Visser & Chris Ignatczyk
are getting married!

Their wedding is in December. My Oma, Opa and I are hosting an engagement party on Saturday, April 10th at 6:00pm at Niagara-on-the-Lake Station 5, Glendale Fire Hall located at 350 Townline Road.
Make sure to drop by and say hello!!! Congratulations Mom and Dad, I love you both and hope you enjoy your party and have a great time!!!

~ Love your daughter Ally.
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Marriages

Bill & Susan Werner
along with
Tony & Shirley Schoonings
are pleased to announce
the marriage of their children

SHANNON & CORY

The wedding took place in Jamaica
December 2, 2009

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Deaths

KURTZ, Jean – Forever grateful for God's gift of her life in our lives, we announce that Jean Kurtz has left this earth to be with the Lord. Loving wife of Edward, dear mother of Anne and Michael (Stacey), beloved grandmother of Stephen, Julia, Matthew and Daniel. To know Jean was to know the definition of steadfast and unwavering faith. To know true and lasting love was to be her husband. To know unselfish and endearing love was to be her child. To know devoted and patient love was to be her grandchild. We will forever hold her example of faith and love in our hearts. Until we are all together again - love you Jeannie/Mom/Babchia/Grandma.

Jean's family received friends at MORGAN FUNERAL HOME 415 Regent Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake on Monday March 22, 2010 from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. A homecoming to celebrate her life was held at Niagara Celebration Church (310 Scott Street, St. Catharines) on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment followed at Niagara Lakeshore Cemetery. For those who wish memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Online guest register: www.morganfuneral.com.

A Memorial Donation has been made to
Morgan Funeral Homes Community Fund

In memoriam

ZACHARY ANTIDORMI
August 10, 1994 - March 27, 1997

In Memory of our precious Grandson whose life was sadly and tragically taken 13 long years ago.

We walked on the beach,
looked out at the ocean,
sang our favorite songs and knew,
as always,
you were with us every moment
of every day.

We love you sweetheart.
You will be forever in our lives.

Nana and Mungo

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

IN THE ESTATE OF
MARIE KUNIEC
deceased

ALL claims against **the Estate of Marie Kuniec**, of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on January 30, 2009, must be filed with the undersigned on or before April 30, 2010, after which date the Estate will be distributed with regard only to claims then received.
Deted et Niagara Fells, ON, this 17th dey of March, 2010.

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Solicitor for the Estate

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

IN THE ESTATE OF
JOHN IVAN POLLACK
deceased

ALL claims against **the Estate of John Ivan Pollack**, of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on September 23, 2009, must be filed with the undersigned on or before April 23, 2010, after which date the Estate will be distributed with regard only to claims then received.
Dated et Niagara Falls, ON, this 11th day of March, 2010.

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MARCH 27, Saturday, 10:00-11:30am. PLEASANT MANOR - Bazaar, Bake Sale, Crafts, Tea Room. 15 Elden Street, Virgil.

Mar. 23 - Apr. 27, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:00 am. **BABIES & BOOKS:** ages 4 - 18 mos. share stories, songs, tickles and bounces with your baby.
Mar. 24 - Apr. 28, Wednesdays 10:30-11:00 am. **TODDLER TALES:** 2 & 3 yr olds. An interactive program for children to share with their caregivers while enjoying stories, songs, fingerplays and crafts.
Mar. 24 - Apr. 28, Wednesdays, 2:00-2:30 pm. **STORY TIME:** 4 to 6 yr olds. Each week children will take part in games, crafts, songs and stories in this full 1/2 hr program.
April 8, Thursday, 6:45-7:30 pm. **BEDTIME BOOKS:** All ages. You are invited to the Library for an evening of stories, songs and a bedtime snack. Don't forget to wear your pajamas!

All programs **require pre-registration** and are free. Please call the Library 905-468-2023 for more information.

Coming Events A940

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APR. 2, Fri. 4-7 pm. NF Optimist FISH FRY. 2 pcs Haddock/fries/coleslaw, tea/coffee $8. 1-pc $5. Desserts. T/O available. 371-0139

MAR. 25, 7:00pm, Philosopher's Cafe: A no holds barred discussion on the big question: Is there a God? Free, **NOTL Library.** Everyone Welcome! 905-468-2023 for info.

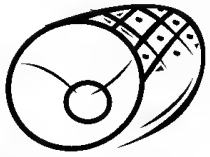
FISH FRY
Thursdays 4:30-7:30pm
Royal Canadian Legion Br #124
410 King St.
All Welcome!

MAY 14, 15 & 16 - G.H.O.S.T.S. - A Paranormal Conference & Trade Show. Parkway Convention Centre, 327 Ont. St., St. Catharines. Welcome dinner. Meet & Greet Celebrity pizza party, lectures, Ghost Hunt - Ft. Mississauga, Ghost Tour - Ft. George, Seance -The Prince of Wales Hotel. marlee_ghosts@yahoo.ca. www.ghostsconference.com.

Coming Events A940

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #124
410 King St. Niagara-on-the-Lake

EASTER HAM ROLL
Saturday, March 27
4:00 pm



Coming Events A940

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE CONSERVANCY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY APRIL 11TH
at 2:00 P.M.
at WILLOWBANK
with SPEAKER , JULIAN SMITH
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Coming Events A940

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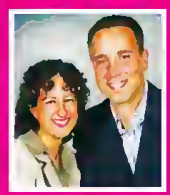

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678 Line 2 Road #206 - $249,000

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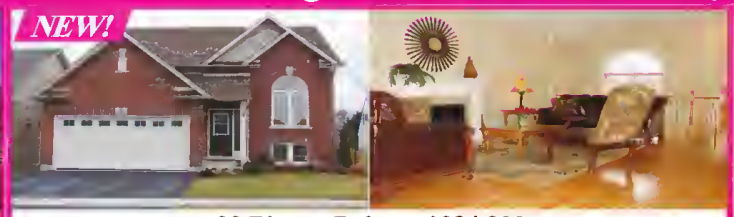

33 Bianca Drive - $324,900

This three year old raised bungalow is impeccably maintained and is sure to impress with 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms & a fully finished lower level. You will find many fine touches from the cozy fireplace in the large great room to the spacious master bedroom with ensuite bath. The family & games rooms are very inviting with large windows letting in plenty of light. The bobbyist will appreciate the double car garage whicb is fully insulated & wired for heating. ***See more details at www.33Bianca.info.***

Anna da Silva* and Jaime da Silva*

OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 2-4

23 Bianca Drive - $379,900

Magnificent 4 bdrm, 2 storey bome with stunning master suite, great room with hardwood flooring and a gas fireplace. Eat-in kitcben with trendy tile backsplasb. Entertaining size dining room, 2.5 baths, finisbed basement & much more!

Lolita Hale*

"THE VILLAGE" OPEN HOUSES SUNDAY 2-4

46 Garrison Village Drive - $533,000

Located in Niagara-on-the-Lake's trendy development known as "The Village", this wonderful 4 bedroom, 3 ½ bath family friendly bome was built to exacting standards by Brook-Lite Homes, enhanced and upgraded by the current owners, is fully finished on all levels, is set on the largest - pool size lot in the sub-division. By comparison, this very special bome, a Colonial classic, offers exceptional value and is certain to please the most discriminating buyer. ***For more information go to www.46Garrison.info.***

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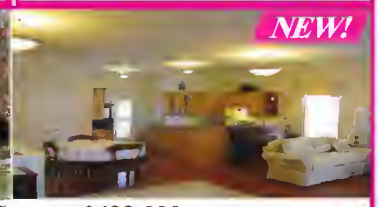

38 Elizabeth Street - $439,000

Custom designed Regency styled cottage offers a sun-filled great rm with extra deep windows. You'll find hardwood floors, a gas fireplace, & crown molding trim detail too. The master with full ensuite & patio walkout, 2nd bdrm or den/family rm & powder rm are conveniently located. Open plan kitchen with granite counters, under valance lighting & steps to the laundry, garage & patio. Fully finished lower level, tumbled-stone walk & driveway & so much more. ***For more information go to www.38ElizabethStreet.info.***

Doug Rempel*

NEW!

264 Oakdale #101 - $114,900

This spacious 2 bdrm suite is very well maintained & nicely decorated including neutral ceramic tile & broadloom. Suite is in move-in condition & close to all amenities. Kitchen has bleached oak cabinets & includes 3 appliances. In-suite hook-up for laundry, two parking spaces & more!

Doug Rempel*

NEW!

6 Andres Street - $237,500

Delightful 1 owner, 3 bdrm, 2 bath may be the ideal bome for your family. A welcoming foyer opens to a sun-filled living rm & dining rm next to the practical kitcben. Upstairs are the bdrms & main bath. On the lower level you will find the rec rm/games rm with wet bar & cozy Acorn-style gas stove. Walk-out to the covered patio ideal for relaxed entertaining. Fully surrounded by perennial gardens, the pool-sized yard becomes a private hideaway! Numerous updates, detached garage too! ***For more information go to www.6AndresStreet.info.***

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Estate Building Lot - $399,000

Mature trees and lush vegetation have kept this spectacular 17.87 acre property hidden away. Limited access will ensure the new owner's privacy. If you are looking for a place to build your dream home, this special property may be the one!

Doug Rempel*

St. Catharines

2 Laurie Street
$259,000

Excellent value! Count the ways to enjoy the good things in life. This 1,800 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is the perfect place for your growing family and its conveniently located on a quiet cul-de-sac in St. Catharines. The handy kitchen, open dining area and living room are perfect for family functions. Nicely finished lower level offering extra privacy. Attached 2 car garage with more then enough room. Fantastic fenced yard with above ground pool, extensive decking and hot tub.

Stefan Regier*

840 Concession 2 Road - $649,000

Over 2100 sq. ft. in this custom built home with double+ garage & sun rm plus 4 out buildings on over an acre. Spacious front entrance, formal living & dining rms, eat-in kitcben and a finisbed lower level. This home boasts 3+2 bdrms & 4.5 baths.

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